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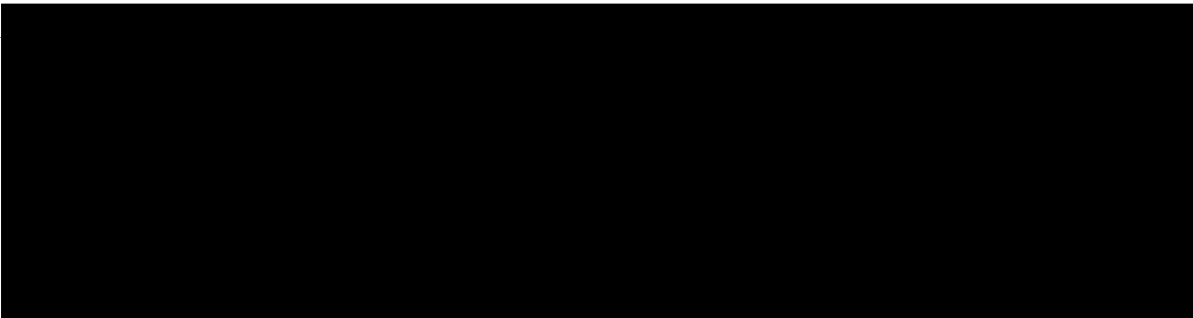
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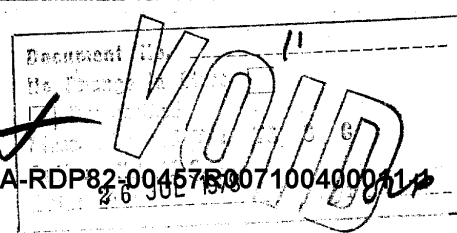
1. At the meeting of the Political Commission of the Partido Vanguardia Popular, held at the home of Manuel Mora Valverde on the afternoon of 12 February 1951, a circular letter received by the Party from the Paris headquarters of the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) was discussed. The letter requested solidarity on the part of all affiliated democratic organizations of the WFTU, and protested the prohibition now being enacted by the French Government against the central offices of the WFTU in Paris. It was decided to pass this information on to the syndicate organizations of the Party, in order that protests could be made as requested in the circular.
2. A letter from Rodolfo Guzman in Mexico City informed the Party of the situation confronting them recently. Guzman stated that some of the directors of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de America Latina (CTAL) were being subjected to severe criticism, and that they would have to struggle harder in their own countries, rather than in Mexico, as they had been doing. Adding that the situation was becoming impossible, Guzman said he did not feel that he could remain in Mexico much longer, in view of the criticism being leveled at him.* The letter closed with the request that the problem be resolved as soon as possible, so that he might return to Costa Rica. On this point the Political Commission acted immediately, writing to Guzman that his return was approved, and for him to return to San Jose when he considered it most expedient for the interests of the syndicate movement in Costa Rica.
3. The meeting closed with a report on the labor movement in the region of Bataan, made by Gonzalo Sierra, who stressed the necessity of sending a committee to this area to reorganize all syndicate activities, which are now in utter confusion. The Commission decided to send Sierra with a companion of his choosing as soon as practicable.
4. In addition to the weekly Political Commission meetings, a daily meeting is held at the home of Mora, between 10 and 11 o'clock a.m., for the principal directors of the Party. These meetings are devoted to cultural studies of Communist Party topics, the current studies being the History of the Communist Party and Chinese Agrarian Reform. About eighteen of the San Jose Party officials should be attending these meetings, but until now, the only participants

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have been Arnaldo Ferreto, Mario Solis, Alvaro Montero, Adolfo Garcia, Gonzalo Sierra, Manuel Moscoa, Efraim Rodriguez, and Antonio Barrantes.

5. No action has been taken with regard to the exchange of leaders with the Cuban Communist Party, previously reported,** and the Partido Vanguardia Popular leaders are still waiting for an answer to their letter to Blas Roca suggesting the plan.
6. A general status report of Communist Party activity in the provinces was obtained [REDACTED]. The small number of active members was stressed by source, who rechecked the figures and maintained that they were absolutely correct, so far as organized members were concerned. However, in addition to these, there are a number of sympathizers who are afraid to participate actively. Listed below are the figures obtained by source:
- a. Province of San Jose. A Provincial Committee of eight persons. Four committees of the District, which control five cells each, with a total of 125 militants. Among the cells functioning in this province is the Political Commission, which is composed of eight members of the National Committee of the Party.
 - b. Province of Alajuela. In this province there exists only a Provincial Committee and two cells in Grecia, with a total of approximately twenty organized members.
 - c. Province of Heredia. At the present time only the Provincial Committee and two cells are functioning. One of the cells is located in Barba, and the other in Santa Barbara, totaling some eighteen active members. The Liga Juvenil Revolucionaria is very active in Santa Barbara.
 - d. Province of Puntarenas. The Provincial Committee of Puntarenas is functioning with two cells, one in the center and the other in the port of Quepos, which is controlled by the Puntarenas section. They total twenty organized members.
 - e. Province of Cartago. This province at the present time is the lowest, on the basis of organization in the Party, and has only a Provincial Committee and a small cell in the Canton of Turrialba.
 - f. Province of Limon. At the present time the Party in Limon is reportedly totally disorganized, and it has not been possible to form a Provincial Committee. The only work being accomplished in this province is the distribution of the periodical Trabajo.
 - g. Province of Guanacaste. In this province there is no organization. The only medium of penetration existing is the work being done by a few individuals who distribute the periodical Trabajo in different parts of the province. The Political Commission reportedly has approved a plan recently for an intensive organizational program in all these provinces.

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